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THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS

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HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS? HOW CAN ITS PURPOSE BE MADE MORE SO? *

I AM asked my impressions of best means for increasing the effectiveness of "St. Barnabas Guild for Nurses," and reply as follows:

The membership of the guild is fourfold: First, members, nurses graduated or in training; second, associates, churchwomen interested in nursing and having leisure and opportunity for advancing the guild's interest; third, medical associates, physicians who are in sympathy with the objects of the guild, and, fourth, priests associate, priests approving the objects of the guild and promising their coöperation in carrying them into effect. Nurses in training-schools of good reputation are taught at the operating-table and in the wards the knowledge and application of surgery and medicine, and all things pertaining to the same. With its course finished and diploma conferred, the training-school "duty" is completed, with, doubtless, kind and helpful feelings remaining towards the late pupils, and the nurse is ready for her struggle with the world, which she enters usually away from home ties and largely in crowded cities, to meet single-handed the cares, temptations, and responsibilities of life.

Just here "St. Barnabas Guild for Nurses" extends the welcome and kindly hand, giving friendly greeting and attempting help by enlarging acquaintance with other nurses from various training-schools, by certifying their personal character (after due inquiry and approval by a committee), and by sealing such character by bestowing the badge of membership at the Holy Altar—thus, wearing the pin of her training-school and the badge of St. Barnabas Guild, she exhibits the visible proof of her professional and moral character.

The associate, interested in the "woman" represented by each nurse, extends many social, refining, and home kindnesses, and upon her, in a great measure, depend the broadening and enduring conditions of the guild.

The medical associates will more freely seek acquaintance with nurses who come both professionally and morally certified, while the priests associate, having remembrance of the high responsibilities ever resting upon the nurse, will more readily offer advice and assistance in matters pertaining to the individual personal life.

If I am right, "the effectiveness of the guild" will be increased more by the personal activities in their several lines of life of the four classes of membership than in any other way, and by constantly keeping in remembrance the objects and conditions of the guild and bringing it to the notice of their friends and acquaintances.

ANNA WELLS LEE,

Secretary and Associate Member of Trinity Branch, Chicago.

* Read at the Annual Council.

NEW YORK BRANCH.—We had a most interesting meeting on January 12, Bishop Whitehead being present and preaching on the appropriate text, "He went about healing pain." Two associates and four members were received, and after a short quarterly business meeting we were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Parker Morgan at the rectory, where we had a chance to talk with the bishop and enjoy coffee and sandwiches, ice-cream and cake. We were pleased to have with us one of our medical associates and a priest associate, the Rev. Arthur Judge. The expense of the first issue of the *News Letter* was assumed by Dr. Morgan for the New York Branch, and we welcome the little sheet again with pleasure.

Our one thought at present is to place the Housatonic Home on a firm footing, raising at least a part of the mortgage, and to this end we have sent to our members and associates a small folded book, called the "Cheerful Giver's Album," to fill with dimes; one can ask one's friends for such a small amount. We hope to have our next service at the Church of the Ascension.

One of our members, Miss Helena Taylor, has been appointed one of the inspectors of immigrants on incoming steamers, a government position under the Immigration Bureau. The inspection takes place on the steamer between quarantine, where they board the vessels, and the landing at Ellis Island.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH of the Guild of St. Barnabas held its festival meeting on the evening of January 15 in the Parish-House of St. Mark's Church, Sixteenth and Locust Streets. A goodly number of members and associates had assembled at the opening hour, eight o'clock, the chaplain, Rev. G. W. Hodge, presiding and conducting the service. Several new members were admitted. At the business meeting which followed the question, "What definite work can the guild do?" was discussed at some length. A preparatory school for women who expect to take up nursing was thought by some to be much needed, but was considered to be too great an undertaking. There has been some practical work done this winter in a small way. The guild now has a committee of five members whose duty it is to visit the sick—not only sick members, but any other cases that may be reported.

Another work that is being tried is making daily visits to the sick among those not able to employ a nurse regularly. One member has been quite active in this work, and we hope soon to have many others. At the close of the business meeting all went to an adjoining room for a social hour. Here we were entertained delightfully by friends from the Mask-and-Wig Club with instrumental music, songs, and recitations. After refreshments were served the meeting adjourned to reconvene at the call of our secretary, Mrs. M. W. Brinkerhoff.

PHILADELPHIA members of the Guild of St. Barnabas gave a series of afternoon teas during the winter at the homes of members and associates. The first one was given by our secretary, Mrs. M. W. Brinkerhoff, 1710 Pine Street, Thursday afternoon, February 5, from three to five. There was quite a number present during the afternoon, and all enjoyed the hour, which was made so pleasant by our hostess.

PROVIDENCE.—The regular monthly meeting of the Providence Branch of the Guild of St. Barnabas was held on the first Thursday in February. One new member was received. The chaplain, Rev. Simon Blinn Blunt, gave an in-

struction upon lines of thought suggested by the "Members' Rule of Life" in relation to others. Two applications for membership were read at the business meeting and acted upon. It was agreed that during Lent the guild should hold weekly meetings to make garments for the use of the District Nursing Association in Providence.

A cup of tea and light refreshments were served by associates, and the social hour seemed to be enjoyed by all present.

At the meeting of the Guild of St. Barnabas in Newport, R. I., held on December 11 at Emmanuel Church, the Rev. Ralph Pomeroy, assistant rector of that church, was received as a member of the guild. After the usual service and business meeting refreshments were served in the guild room and a social hour was enjoyed. The next meeting was held on the afternoon of January 11 at St. George's Church, and an address was made by the Rev. Mr. Pomeroy. The guild then adjourned to the home of Mrs. Remington Ward, who entertained the members with music and tea. On February 12 the guild met at Kay Chapel, the meeting being in charge of the chaplain, Rev. Henry M. Stone, and was followed by games and refreshments prepared by the Entertainment Committee.

ORANGE, N. J.—The monthly meeting was held at the Training-School of the Memorial Hospital at eight P.M., the only time this year that we have met there. It has been found easier for nurses on duty to attend afternoon services rather than in the evening. The chaplain gave a most excellent address on the observance of Lent, which we regretted could not have been heard by every member of the guild. Taking as his text, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" he showed us how easily it lay in the power of us all to do that one simple thing, not so much to strive after some great achievement either in self-denial or abstinence, but quietly to bear in mind, during these forty days, the Sorrows of the Passion, as one would share the griefs of those near and dear to us. The business meeting brought out the announcement that the emergency bag and other useful articles, made some time ago, had at last reached their destination—the Oneida Hospital—through the Rev. Mr. Merrill, and are now in the hands of Miss Cornelius for her work among the Indians. We were pleased to hear of the branch now working with much energy at Atlantic City. Nurses travelling there, with or without patients, are exhorted to make themselves known to the chaplain. We hope soon to read some "notes" from thence, by which we may learn of their ways and means.

We take pleasure in announcing the marriage at St. Augustine, Fla., of Miss Winifred M. Fehon to Claude Stratton. They will make their home at Sullivan, Ind.

Miss Corinne Hayward has been ordered South to recuperate from her recent attack of pneumonia.

Miss M. A. Harrison has returned from the Philippines, where she has spent the last two years, partly in the army and later in a hospital.

Miss T. Evans has resumed private nursing after an absence of a year.

Miss M. Hunt is recovering from a siege of rheumatic fever.

The sewing-meeting was held at 1 Evergreen Place, and much good work was done for the nurses' room at the settlement.